

Element 1 of the test should not be eliminated for the reasons I stated in RM-10782. There still is a need to retain a pool of Morse code operators to conduct possible emergency communications when band conditions are very poor. Nothing is gained by elimination of Morse, especially when it is a relatively easy test that most all prospective amateurs can experience. They may still choose not to use it. There is no proof that a large number of excellent operators have been "turned away" due to the code requirement. Many people could say the same thing regarding testees that had to learn the band frequencies for amateur use.